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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 330

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bruce C. Johnson  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 1997. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claim as indicated:

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1. (Twice Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

a flexible, unitary truss member having [a normally, substantially planar] an initial

state absent flexure thereof, the unitary truss member including:

a first end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;

a second end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a second nasal passage;

an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of a nose located

between the first and second nasal passages, the inherent tendency